

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: COFFEE PRICES

REF: STATE 302391

1. EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS WHO DEAL WITH COFFEE INDICATE EUROPEAN PUBLIC IS ALSO CONCERNED OVER RISING PRICE FOR GREEN COFFEE. THEY ADD, HOWEVER, THAT THEY BELIEVE CURRENT SHORTAGE OF SUPPLY, AND NOT CARTEL ACTIONS BY ONE OR MORE PRODUCERS, HAVE CAUSED PRICE INCREASE. THEY NOTE THAT THE FROST IN BRAZIL AND THE DISRUPTION OF NORMAL ANGOLAN EXPORTS HAVE BEEN PRIMARY CAUSES OF THE CURRENT SHORTAGE. THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS HAVE NOT TURNED UP ANY PARTICULARLY UNUSUAL PRACTICES BY PRODUCERS.

2. THESE OFFICIALS APPEAR TO GO ALONG WITH CONTENTION THAT RECENT BRAZILIAN COFFEE PURCHASES FROM EL SALVADOR AND OTHERS WERE TO MAINTAIN ITS SOLUBLE COFFEE PRODUCTION. THEY ADD THAT CONSUMERS SHOULD OPPOSE COUNTING THESE PURCHASES IN PROCURER COUNTRY QUOTAS FOR THE NEW INTERNATIONAL COFFEE  
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AGREEMENT.

3. PRIOR TO THE PRICE INCREASE, THE EC HAD DECIDED AS PART OF ITS MTN TROPICAL PRODUCTS OFFER TO REDUCE AUTONOMOUSLY ITS AD VALOREM IMPORT DUTIES ON GREEN COFFEE FROM 7 TO 5 PERCENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,

1977. THEY SAY THAT THIS REDUCTION WILL HELP SOMEWHAT TO REDUCE  
THE BURDEN ON THE CONSUMER OF INCREASED PRICES.HINTON

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